REMARKS

Within the Office Action dated March 29, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1-7, 10-17 and 20, and objected to claims 8-9 and 18-19. More specifically, claims 1-3, 7, 11-13, 17 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. section 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent Application 2002/0,010,917 A1 to Srikantan et al. (Srikantan). Claims 4-6, and 14-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Srikantan, and further in view of United States Patent 6,414,725 B1 to Clarin et al. (Clarin). Claims 10 and 20 were rejected under section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Srikantan, and further in view of United States Patent 6,744,967 B2 to Kaminski et al. (Kaminski). Claims 8-9 and 18-19 are objected to, as dependent upon a rejected base claim.

By this amendment Applicants amend claims 1, 11, and 21, but do not add or cancel any claims. Accordingly, claims 1-21 will remain pending in the application upon entry of this amendment.

I.   **Rejection of Claims 1-10**

Claims 1-3 were rejected under section 102(b) as being anticipated by Srikantan. Claims 4-6 were rejected under section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Srikantan, and further in view of Clarin. Claim 10 was rejected under section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Srikantan, and further in view of Kaminski. Claims 2-10 are dependent on claim 1.

Claim 1 recites a method for recording media that receives at least one media stream, stores at least a portion of the media stream in at least one personal video recording ("PVR") media server, and couples several clients, capable of displaying the media stream, to the PVR media server. The storing includes buffering the media stream and maintaining a write position for the buffering. The method generates a first buffer position to identify a location within the media stream for playback of

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the media stream at a first client, and generates a second buffer position to identify a location within the media stream for playback of the media stream at a second client. The second buffer position is independent from the first buffer position.

Applicants respectfully submit that Srikantan does not disclose, teach, or even suggest such a method. For instance, Srikantan does not disclose, teach, or even suggest storing at least a portion of the media stream in at least one personal video recording ("PVR") media server, the storing comprising buffering the media stream and maintaining a write position for the buffering. Applicants note the reference to Figure 6 and the accompanying description of Kaminski in relation to claim 10. Kaminski, however, does not disclose coupling several clients, and does not disclose generating several buffer positions for playback by the several clients.

Accordingly, the cited references do not render unpatentable claim 1. Since claims 2-10 are dependent on claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references do not render unpatentable claims 2-10 for at least the reasons discussed above in relation to claim 1. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-10.

II.   Rejection of Claims 11-20

Claims 11-13 were rejected under section 102(b) as being anticipated by Srikantan. Claims 14-16 were rejected under section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Srikantan, and further in view of Clarin. Claim 20 was rejected under section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Srikantan, and further in view of Kaminski. Claims 12-20 are dependent on claim 11.

Claim 11 recites a PVR-media server that has at least one input for receiving at least one media stream, a storage medium for storing at least a portion of the media stream, and at least one

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output for coupling several clients, capable of displaying the media stream, to the PVR media server. The storage medium is configured for buffering the media stream, and the PVR media server is configured for maintaining a write position for the buffering. The PVR-media server is for generating a first buffer position to identify a location within the media stream for a first client and for generating a second buffer position to identify a location within the media stream for a second client. The second buffer position is independent from the first buffer position.

Applicants respectfully submit that Srikantan does not disclose, teach, or even suggest such a PVR-media server. For instance, Srikantan does not disclose, teach, or even suggest a PVR media server having a storage medium storing at least a portion of a media stream, where the storage medium is configured for buffering the media stream, and the PVR media server is configured for maintaining a write position for the buffering. Applicants note the reference to Figure 6 and the accompanying description of Kaminski in relation to claim 20. Kaminski, however, does not disclose a PVR media server coupling several clients, and does not disclose generating several buffer positions for playback by the several clients.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references do not render unpatentable claim 11. Since claims 12-20 are dependent on claim 11, Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references do not render unpatentable claims 12-20 for at least the reasons discussed above in relation to claim 11. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 11-20.

III.   **Rejection of Claim 21**

Claim 21 was rejected under section 102(b) as being anticipated by Srikantan. Claim 21 recites a system that has several clients, coupled to the PVR media server, for displaying the media stream, at least one PVR-media server, and a network. The PVR-media server includes one input for

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receiving at least one media stream, a storage medium for storing at least a portion of the media stream, and a media controller for generating a first buffer position to identify a location within the media stream for a first client, and for generating a second buffer position to identify a location within the media stream for a second client. The second buffer position is independent from the first buffer position. The storage medium is configured for buffering the media stream, and the PVR media server is configured for maintaining a write position for the buffering. The network is for coupling the PVR-media server to the clients, for delivering the media stream to a first client by using the first buffer position, and for delivering the media stream to a second client by using the second buffer position.

Applicants respectfully submit that Srikantan does not disclose, teach, or even suggest such a system. For instance, Srikantan does not disclose, teach, or even suggest a PVR media server having a storage medium storing at least a portion of a media stream, where the storage medium is configured for buffering the media stream, and the PVR media server is configured for maintaining a write position for the buffering. Moreover, the cited references do not disclose the foregoing in conjunction with a PVR media server coupling several clients, and generating several buffer positions for playback by the several clients.

Accordingly, the cited references do not render unpatentable claim 21. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the section 102(b) rejection of claim 21.

IV.   **Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 8-9 and 18-19 are objected to, as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were stated to be otherwise allowable, if amended to include the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Applicants thank the Examiner. Claims 8-9 are dependent on claim 1, which has been amended to recite that the storing includes buffering the media stream and maintaining a write position for the buffering. Claims 18-19 are dependent on claim 11, which has been amended to recite that the storage medium is configured for buffering the media stream, and that the PVR media server is configured for maintaining a write position for the buffering. Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references do not disclose, teach, or even suggest such a method and personal video recorder. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the objections to claims 8-9 and 18-19.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing remarks, Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the case, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number given below.

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